

POETRY PROJECT (handout A)

Objective: You and your group will embark on a journey into the heart and mind of an American poet from the modernist era. You will be expected to understand your poet and his work. You will also be expected to teach the class about your poet and one of his poems.

Steps + timeline:

1. Set-up group + orientation (handout A): Due 4.12
2. Management plan (handout B) Due 4.12
3. Presentation (handout C) Due 4.20-21
4. Powerpoint (handout D) Due 4.20-21
5. Video (handout E) synopsis + story board, Due 4.18; video Due 4.25
6. Poster (handout F): Due 4.22
7. Individual work (handout G) Due 4.26

Set-up:

1. Read through objective and timeline of assignment
2. Read through roles and tasks and divide the group
3. Look at schedules and conflicts to decide when and where you can all meet outside of school. Also set up a phone tree—each person calls another to communicate important group info.

Roles and tasks: *(all group members are responsible for all aspects of the project's success. The following is intended to help the group focus their efforts in an effective and manageable manner.)*

Director (1 person)-Responsible for directing and focusing group. Keeps eye on big picture throughout. Manages group conflicts and relates any serious problems to teacher. Fills in where needed with any work and has final responsibility for quality control. Lead presenter.

Skills: Organized, responsible, communicates well, motivated

Production (1-2 people)-Responsible for creating documents, gathering and organizing materials, acting, presenting, research, and assisting the technology person and director with any needed tasks to complete project.

Skills: Hard-worker, willing to follow direction from others, team oriented, creative problem solver

Technology (1 person)-Responsible for learning and understanding technology and teaching other group members how to use it when needed. Camera operation, editing software, and leading Powerpoint production will be this person's primary responsibility. Checking out camera and film studio time are also this person's responsibility. This person also runs the technology pieces on the day of the presentation.

Skills: Enjoys technology, honest, responsible, good at explaining things to others